



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOKOI, Yasuhiko, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1744

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Examiner: Nathan Andrew BOWERS

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For: **STORAGE APPARATUS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1744

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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November 22, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 2, 2006**, for which a fee for a one month extension of time is enclosed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: